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SUBJECT: JLP ISSUES ELECTION MANIFESTO

1. OPPOSITION LEADER EDWARD SEAGA AT AN OCTOBER 6 NEWS CONFERENCE AT JAMAICA LABOUR PARTY (JLP) HEADQUARTERS UNVEILED HIS PARTY ELECTION MANIFESTO. A COPY OF THE HUNDRED PAGE DOCUMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY IN SEVERAL DAYS AND A MORE DETAILED REPORT WILL FOLLOW.

2. ACCORDING TO ACCOUNTS IN THE DAILY GLEANER, THE MANIFESTO, ENTILED " CHANGE WITHOUT CHAOS" LISTS SEVEN URGENT PRIORITIES FOR A JLP ADMINISTRATION. THESE ARE:
-RESTORATION OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH.
--RESTORATION AND EXPANSION OF PUBLIC SERVICES.
-- DEVELOPMENT OF THE YOUTH AND CHILD.
--DEVELOPMENT OF THE RUAL ENVIRONMENT.
-- RESTORATION OF SECURITY STABILITY HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF THE NATION.
-- DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE
-- BALANCED FOREIGN POLICY.

3. IN HIS REMARKS SEAGA RECITED A SERIES OF STATISTICS DECRIBING JAMAICA'S ECONOMIC DECLINE UNDER THE PNP, ICLUOING A DROP OF 25 PECEN IN REAL INCOME, OF 65 PERCENT IN REAL INVESTMENTS AND MORE THAN 1000 PERCENT IN NET FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES. JAMAICA'S DEBT HAD INCREASED BY 47 PERCENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT ROSE TO 300,000 OR 31 PERCENT OF THE WORKFORCE. PRICES HAD INCREASED TO 320 PERCENT OF THEIR 1972 LEVELS. HE CHARGED THAT THE JAMAICA TREASURY AND A BANK OF JAMAICA WERE VIRTUALLY BANKRUPT.

4. SEAGA SAID THAT A JLP TASK FORCE IS WORMING ON SOLUTION TO THE COUNTRYS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS USING THE BACKGROUND THAT US $600 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL FUNDS WOULD BE NEDEDED FOR EACH OF THE NEXT THREE YEARS. THE JLP IS SATISFIED THAT IT CAN FIND ADEQUATE FOREIGN EXCHANGE ON TERMS BEBEFITICAL TO JAMAICA, HE SAID.

5. THE OPPOSITION LEADER ALSO DISCUSSED JLP OBJECTIVES IN THE AREAS OF DOMESTIC FINANCING (BALANCICED BUDGET BY 1984) INVESTMENT (EIGHT "EXISITING PROJECTS HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED", UN PRECEDENTAED RURAL DEVELOPMENT. INFRASTURCTURE, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, ENERGY AND WATER RESOURCES, RAILROAD EHABILITATION AND CRIME (ESTABL ISH AN IMPARTIAL POLICE SERVICES COMMISSION AND STRENGTHEN THE JAMAICAN DEFENSE FORCES) HE SAID A JLP GOVERNMENT WOULD ESTABLISH A CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BANK TO ATTRACT FORDIGN INVESTORS TO JOINT VENTURE PROJECTS WITH JAMAICA PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CAPITAL.
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